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President's Message

Greetings WCGS Members:

Fall at last is upon us!! Seems as this season approaches there is renewed hope that better things are to come.

At the time of this writing, no decision has been reached regarding an October meeting. As we have now entered Phase 2.5 here in NC there is still much uncertainty about group gatherings as well as availability of library space for the meeting. Brenda Dorsett, Program Committee Chair, and I discussed the possibility of a virtual program for October. She contacted various persons about presenting a virtual program, but many did not have technological capability and those that did were rather expensive. We will continue to investigate possibilities, meanwhile, if any members would like to present a virtual program, please let us know.

The Inventory Reduction Sale has now concluded. It was highly successful, in fact, a possible Holiday Sale is being considered. Watch for updates in the coming months.

I would like to welcome, Beth Bowen of Stantonsburg, NC as our newest member! Her surnames of interest are: Walston, Webb, Felton, Williams, Page, Evans, Whitworth, and Bowen.

Yvonne

Slate of 2021 WCGS Officers, Board Members and Board Nominee

The 2021 Wilson County Genealogical Society Nominating Committee was formed in August 2020 and consists of Jim and Margaret Bailey. The committee is pleased to present the Slate of WCGS Officers and Board Members who have extended their position through 2021. Also listed below is one new Board member candidate, David Bradshaw. Bradshaw is nominated to replace Deborah Webb, who rotates off the current Board.

The Nominating Committee is now accepting any nominations from the general membership. If any additional nominations are submitted, they will be added to the ballot before a vote is called. Please feel free to contact the Nominating Committee at baileym@uncw.edu by October 1, 2020. The committee welcomes your input.

Reminder, please discuss any forthcoming nominations with the candidates before submitting their names. The vote will occur during the October meeting or electronically depending on COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

2021 Officers, Board Members and Board Nominee

Officers:	Board Members	Board Nominee
Yvonne McLamb, President	Brenda Dorsett	David Bradshaw
Jeff Scott, Vice President	Wanda Lamm	
Sue Dail, Secretary	Ed Tate	
Earline Bunn, Treasurer	Sue Powell, ex officio	

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ELM CITY MERCHANTS

Wilson Daily Times
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

[The dates were noted on two of the five articles. It is probable that the five were written as a series titled "**PEN PICTURES**."]

February 16, 1917

SHARP AND FARMER
Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries

Of the many and varied branches of business that go to make up the business life of a town and neighborhood like Elm City none are of more importance or contribute more directly to the best interests of the purchasing public; more than the favorably known and well appointed and well managed retail store of Sharp and Farmer. This firm is composed of W. G. Sharp and L. S. Farmer and has been conducting business for the past six years, both members of the firm however, have been associated with the mercantile and other interests there for a much longer time. The firm is conveniently quartered in the prettiest and most modern business block in town occupying one of the three apartments in the handsome new and attractive brick block just built by Messrs. L. S. Farmer and E. R. Brinkly. The store is splendidly lighted from both back and front, has prettily designed metal ceiling with appropriate and neat shelving and counters which greatly facililates [sic.] in showing goods to best advantage and making it a more desirable place at which to trade. They are showing full and clean lines of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Clothing, Miscellaneous, Hardware, Flour, Grain, Feeds, Salt Meats, Family Groceries and Fertilizers, and are enjoying a good and fast growing business and are now better than ever in position to serve their trade. Both Mr. Farmer and Mr. Sharp operate farms.

TOISNOT GROCERY COMPANY
Wholesale Grocers

The Toisnot Grocery Company was incorporated and commenced business about fifteen years ago. Its officers are Geo. A. Barnes, president; Dr. E. G. Moore, vice-president; and J. W. Cox secretary-treasurer and the active business manager.

The company does strickly a wholesale business handling a general line of Staple, Fancy and Heavy Groceries, flour, feeds, hay, grain cured and salt meats, tobacco, cigars, drugs, stock feeds and remedies with the usual incidental lines to a well stocked wholesale grocery establishment. With the exclusive control in this territory for "Stocks Best Patent" and "Sea Foam" Flours, on which they have built up a big trade because of the merits of these brands. The large sales rooms are located opposite the station and are filled to the ceiling with this cosmopolitan assortment of merchandise that is always kept up to

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OBITUARIES

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

BETTIE BARNES.

Zion's Landmark, January 1, 1897

BETTIE BARNES.

By request of the bereaved mother I in much weakness will attempt to chronicle the sad and almost sudden death of little Bettie, the 3 year old daughter of brother and sister Monroe Barnes of Johnston county N. C. The date of birth unknown to the writer. Bettie was badly burned Nov. 9th 1896 if memory is right, which brought death to her relief on the morning of the 10th after spending the night a quiet, submissive sufferer. Much love and affection was lavished upon her not only by devoted parents, but by many others who knew of her bright, attractive, and lovable traits of character which were plainly manifested in her young life. All that loving hearts and willing hands could do availed nothing, ... As she was almost idolized in her home, this sad affliction was a great shock to her parents, relatives, and friends; ...

[Poetry omitted.]

MOSES DEW

Zion's Landmark, December 15, 1914

MOSES DEW.

Moses Dew was the son of Larry Dew and his wife Nancy.

He was born on the 12th day of April, 1838, and died Oct. 14th, 1914. He was the last one of a large family of sixteen children, eleven sons and five daughters. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, and a great admirer of General Lee.

He looked after the poor wounded soldiers on the battlefields, and administered to their wants, and returned home without a scar. In later years he took great delight in meeting the old soldiers and conversing with them about the narrow escapes they had while serving in the time of war.

He lost two brothers during that war; one was brought home after imprisonment and died soon after reaching home.

The other was killed in battle. The parents of this large family died during the war. Moses Dew was married in the spring of 1866 to Miss Spicy Ann Ellis. To them were born four children. One died in infancy and his oldest son, Larry Dew, died Nor. 15th, 1913. In May, 1875, his home was made lonely by the loss of his dear wife, leaving him to care for three small children, the baby being only nine months old.

He succeeded in securing the services of a good old lady as housekeeper for him, till he was married the second time, in the Fall of 1877, to Miss Medie E. Williford, and to them one son was born. They lived happily together till the end came. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Wilson, N. C., in 1889 or 1890 and attended the services regularly as long as he was able to go. He very much enjoyed the visits of his brethren. His parents were members of this same church.

He was a useful and active man, taking delight in doing what he could for the poor and afflicted, till about a year before his death he fell, after which he failed rapidly. He was on the street near his house when he was attacked with blindness and fell, after which he was never able to walk. He bore his afflictions patiently and seemed grateful to his busy wife and others who waited on him. He quietly passed away, leaving a devoted wife, three children, and 17 grandchildren to mourn his absence.

SALLIE BALLANCE.

[Note: The obituary which was printed in the *Wilson Daily Times* was included in the February 2003 issue of *Trees of Wilson.*]

JULIA PIPKIN GOLD

Wilson Daily Times, March 22, 1913

[Note: The title of this article was partially missing. The first paragraph is omitted here since it did not contain any relevant information. The *Wilson Daily Times* obituary of Mrs. Gold was included in the June 2014 issue of *Trees of Wilson.* She was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. (b 29 Jul 1841, d 22 Mar 1913) Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* p. 96]

(Obituaries continued on page 89)

ADVERTISEMENTS

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Daily Times, July 18, 1916

CHERO-COLA—EVERYBODY LIKES IT
Most Popular Drink on the Market Today

Ever Increasing Patronage Manifest by Big Additions at the Home Company's Plant at Columbus, Georgia and Marvelous Growth of Business Here In Wilson.

Mr. J. Caney Brown, proprietor of the Chero-Cola plant here in Wilson is a happy man these days.

And he has a right to "wear the smile that never comes off," when one realizes that the sale of Chero-Cola in a few months has grown by leaps and bounds and still the people cry for more.

This increase in business is not alone due to the popularity of the drink but the cleanliness of the big establishment and the sanitary condition of the machine and the bottles, and the desire of the management to please the big line of customers, both in town and country.

This drink which is only four years old is now bottled in twelve different states and the parent company in Columbus, Ga. is erecting a building containing 125,000 square feet of floor space to accommodate the ever-increasing demand made upon the company to supply the beverage.

Mr. Brown informs us that his sales have quadrupled within the short space of time he has been bottling the drink in this city.

Don't fail to call for Chero-Cola, the best drink in the world.

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Wilson Daily Times, May 22, 1926

CHERRY HOTEL
Special Noon and Evening Meal

Sunday Lunch	Sunday Dinner
Chicken Soup a la Royal	
Sweet Mixed Pickles	Tomato Boullion [sic.]
Celery Chow Chow	Sour Pickles
Grilled Speckled Trout	Broiled Speckled Trout
Parsley Sauce	Butter Sauce
Fricassee of Chicken with Rice	Roast Young Hen and Dressing
Roast Prime Ribs of Beef au jus	Cranberry Sauce
	Cold Boiled Country Ham and Salad
Victoria Fritters Lemon Sauce	Cold Sliced Roast Beef
New Boiled Potatoes home style	Potatoes au gratin
New Garden Peas	New Garden Peas
Buttered New Beets	Asparagus Tips Drawn Butter
Sliced Tomatoes Mayonnaise	Sliced Tomatoes
Cherry Pie	Cocoanut Custard Pie
Vanilla Ice Cream and Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream
Frozen Grape Punch	Cherry Sherbert [sic.]
American Cheese and Saltines	Drinks
Drinks	

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The funeral of Mrs. P. D. Gold was conducted from the Primitive Baptist church at 3:30 yesterday afternoon and the sermon in the church by Elder J. C. Hooks, of Fremont, was a beautiful and impressive exposition of the Resurrection. ...

Several appropriate hymns, precious to the deceased were sung by the congregation at the church, and at the grave services were continued by Elder M. B. Williford, of Rocky Mount, who spoke of the one that was gone, referring in eloquent terms to her many good qualities of wife, mother, friend, Christian and member of the church.

A choir composed of Mesdames R. P. Watson, W. S. Harris, Lawrence Brett, Miss May Lovelace, Col. John F. Bruton and Mr. H. D. Brown sang at the grave.

The pall bearers were Messrs. W. M. Farmer, J. B. Farmer, J. A. Stevenson, W. F. Woodard, Calvin Woodard, James B. Woodard, C. L. Coon and H. D. Brown.

The mound was covered with beautiful floral designs sent from far and near.

BILL PARKER AND DAUGHTER
Wilson Daily Times, June 11, 1914

VICTIM OF FIRE DIES

Bill Parker, the Kenly Negro Burned Tuesday Night Died From Injuries Last Night. Fire Caused by Explosion of Lamp.

Bill Parker, the negro who was seriously burned Tuesday night when his house near Kenly burned to the ground, died last night at 11 o'clock.

Parker suffered intense agony and his death was expected at any moment.

Early Tuesday morning while the family was soundly sleeping, a kerosene lamp, which had been left burning exploded igniting the house.

Parker and his family did not discover the blaze until the building was a mass of flames and only escaped in their night clothes.

Parker was fatally burned and his daughter, aged eight, died in agony yesterday morning at eight o'clock.

The family lived on the outskirts of Kenly at the camps of the Dennis-Simmons Lumber Company.

The house and its contents were consumed by the fire.

ELISABETH PEELE
Zion's Landmark, December 15, 1889
[Note: The obituary of Elizabeth Peele was also included in the 1 December 1889 issue of *Zion's Landmark* and was included in the October 1999 issue of *Trees of Wilson.* The only difference between the two was the name of her mother. The remainder of this posting will be omitted.]

ELISABETH PEELE.

The subject of this obituary was born in Wayne County, now a part of Wilson County, N. C. on January the 27th, 1829. She was the daughter of B. A. Scott and Zilphia, his wife. ...

SALLIE SMITH.
Zion's Landmark, January 15, 1895

SALLIE SMITH.

Sister Smith, the widow of John W. Smith, aged about 70 years, died August the 19th 1894. She had been a member of the Old Toisnot church at Wilson, N. C., about 15 years.

She was a quiet, sincere, humble woman, faithful as a wife, neighbor and church member. ...

MARRIAGES IN THE NEWS

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III, and Margaret Bailey

LAMM—RIDDICK

Wilson Daily Times, November 10, 1914

Riddick-Lamm

Mr. W. T. Lamm of this city and Miss Ophelia Riddick of Williamston, N. C., will be united in marriage next Thursday at noon at the home of relatives in Robersonville, N. C. They will be at home at 212 West Green street after November 12th.

The young people will be welcomed home by a large circle of friends who esteem the young lady for her many graces of head and heart. She is well known to a great many Wilson people having been a nurse in the Wilson Sanatorium for quite a while. Mr. Lamm is the manager of the Western Union Telegraph company of this point where he has risen from the position of messenger boy to the head of the institution.

It has been our good fortune to know Willie from a mere lad. He was always courteous, obliging and dutiful and as a boy gave promise of what he was later to become. The Editor of the Times desires to add his congratulations and best wishes for a young man we have learned to esteem highly.

OVERMAN—LAMM

Wilson Daily Times, November 29, 1911

Overman—Lamm

On Sunday morning, Nov. 26th, at 10:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lamm in Spring Hill township Mr. Arthur Overman and Miss Hattie Lamm were united in marriage. Mr. R. P. Kirby, J. P. spoke the words that made them husband and wife. The attendants were as follows: Mr. Kinchen Lamm with Miss Viola Watson, Mr. W. F. Watson with Miss Emma Barnes, Mr. W. J. Barnes with Miss Peoria Lamm, Mr. Frank Raper with Miss Rosa Overman, Mr. J. W. Raper with Miss Pennie Barnes, Mr. G. F. Howell with Miss Nancy Barnes, Mr. Hardy Davis with Miss Nancy J. Lamm. After the ceremony had been performed and the congratulation [sic.] were over the happy young couple with the wedding party drove to church. After church drove back to the home of the grooms father, Mr. Robert Overman where an elegant dinner was served.

The contracting parties are among the most popular young people of their section and have a host of friends who wish them much joy and happiness.

A WELL WISHER.

Please join our Facebook group: **Wilson County Genealogical Society**

OTHER LOCAL MEETINGS

Edgecombe County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 pm, third Thursdays, at Edgecombe County Memorial Library, Tarboro, N. C.

Farmville, N. C., Ancestor Seekers meets 10 am, second Saturdays, at Farmville Public Library, Farmville, N. C.

Greene County Family Researchers meets at 7:30 pm, third Thursdays, at Greene County Museum, Snow Hill, N. C.

Old Dobbs Genealogical Society meets at 10:30 am, third Saturdays of each calendar quarter, at Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.

Pitt County Family Researchers meets at 7:00 pm, third Tuesdays, at Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, N. C.

Tar River Connections Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 pm, third Tuesdays of each month, except Dec., at Braswell Memorial

REPORT OF QUARANTINABLE DISEASES

***Wilson Daily Times,* June 1, 1918**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

We are called upon every day to help our country and our soldier boys by donations to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A.; by purchasing Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. To all these we have responded liberally.

We wonder if we are responding to the call of our public health officials and obeying our health laws as we should, and especially our quarantine laws. The United States government has placed two majors in our State to see that these laws are obeyed and the State Board of Health has placed one of its officials in the field to bring indictments against any physician or householder who do not comply with these laws. Where they find a county, as a whole, is not carrying out the quarantine and other health laws as they should be, the county is placed on the black list which will prohibit any of our soldier boys returning home for a visit. Madison and Buncombe counties have already been placed on this list.

I do not believe any one would intentionally or willfully do anything to spread disease among our soldier boys, and yet through carelessness or ignorance you might do so.

No one can serve his country in a more patriotic manner than by strict compliance with our quarantine laws. Just stop and think seriously what it means for you to expose on [sic.] soldier to a contagious disease and the ultimate possibilities of spreading it in one of our camps and I am sure you will be more careful in the future.

Following is a list of names and addresses of all those quarantined in Wilson County during the month of May, 1918:

Whooping Cough:—
Joe Wyatt, 2 children; 108 Pettigree street.
H. A. Warren, 1 child; 115 S. Lodge street.
Albert Yelverton, 1 child; Black Creek.
Elisha Bass, children; Black Creek.
William Barnes, children; Black Creek.
W. R. Brooks, children; Black Creek.
C. E. Coumpton, 2 children, Wilson, Route No. 2.
W. R. Rose, 2 children, Wilson, Route No. 2.
W. T. Powell, 1 child; 606 W. Gold street.
Paul Thomas, 1 child; Elm City, Route No. 3
Ben Griffin, 1 child; Elm City, Route No. 1.
Clayton Tosto, 1 child; Elm City, Route No. 1.
Rob Williams, 1 child; Elm City, Route No. 1.
Marion Bryant, 1 child; Elm City, Route No. 1.
Wiley Barkley, 1 child; Elm City, Route No. 1.
Tom Hackney, 1 child; West Gold street.
Owen's family, Stantonsburg.
Mrs. Maude Barnes, 1 child; Blk. Creek.
Mrs. R. Royette [sic.?], 1 child, Rock Ridge.
T. A. Smith, 2 children; Rock Ridge.
W. M. Morris, 2 children; Rock Ridge.
W. M. Renfrow, 1 child; Rock Ridge.
George Waddell, 1 child; Rock Ridge.
Willie Fulghum, 2 children; Rock Ridge.
R. F. Tugwell, typhoid fever, Fountain.
G. W. Whitley, Small Pox, Elm City, Route No. 3.
W. R. Davis, 1 child; Rock Ridge.
E. C. Boyette, 1 child; 505 W. Vance street.
Whooping Cough:—
Tom Bass, 1 child, Black Creek.
Falconer Ellis (children), Stantonsburg.
Frank Jones (children), Stantonsburg.
K. B. Bailey, 1 child, Sims.
Willie Owens, Stantonsburg.
Joe Thornhill, 1 child, Elm City.
E. P. Thronell, 1 child, Sharpsburg.
Mrs. Massingill, 1 child, 111 Railroad street.
John Summerlin children; Stantonsburg.
Mrs. Kate Daniels, 1 child; 412 W. Hines St.
Mrs. Alice Howard, 1 child; Wilson.
C. S. Eagles, M. D., Wilson, R. 4.
R. W. Ruffin, 1 child; 413 Factory street.
R. T. Coburn, 3 children, 412 Nash street.
Will Black, 1 child; 713 S. Goldsboro street.
L. L. Bartlett, 1 child; 207 W. Lee street.
Dora Joyner, 1 child; Fountain.
Betty Gardner, 1 child; Stantonsburg.
Cannie Whitleyy, children, Stantonsburg.
L. V. Grady, 1 child; Wilson, R. 2.
Garland Granger, 1 child; 110 W Vance St.

[Typed as printed except for the use of an abbreviation of the word street in two addresses.]

Respectfully submitted,
L. J. SMITH,
Health Officer.

ONE DEAD, MANY INJURED IN TORNADO, DAMAGE IS ABOUT FIFTY THOUSAND

WILBANKS WAS CENTER

The Storm Was Three Yards [sic.] to Half a Mile Wide and Extended for About Three Miles in the County; Houses Were Completely Demolished; Number of Injured Were Brought to Local Hospitals in Ambulances Which Were Rushed to the Scene.

Wilson Daily Times, **March 2, 1922**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

One person killed, fifteen more or less badly hurt, some of them seriously, and property damage estimated from $40,000 to $50,000 is the toll of a cyclone which swept through the Evansdale section on the Norfolk Southern railroad about six miles east of Wilson about nine o'clock this morning.

The storm was from three hundred yards to a half mile wide and extended a distance of three miles. It tore houses, barns and other buildings in shreds, and in the path of the storm swept everything clean. Whole families were blown out into the fields, several hundreds of yards away. Timbers were scattered to splinters. Several of the families were down with the flu and these were taken to the houses of neighbors. Doctors and ambulances from Wilson went out to bring them into town to the hospitals. Nearly all the doctors and nurses from Wilson were requisitioned. In one neighbor's house were six people hurt, in another five and in another four.

Messrs. W. W. Graves and U. H. Cozart and Ed Graves had several houses, pack and houses [sic.] and barns blown down. Messrs. John Corbett and Dave Woodard lost heavily on their plantations.

The negro woman killed was a school teacher named Arzula Falke wife of Hiram Falke a colored barber of this city. She with another teacher Daisy H. Cooper and Sallie Swinson who went from Wilson this morning had alighted from the Norfolk Southern train when it arrived in Evansdale. They were walking along the track on the way to the school they teach when the storm struck and a piece of timber from a dwelling owned by Mr. Will Graves struck the Falke woman and killed her instantly. The Cooper woman escaped unhurt, while the Swinson woman was hurt on the leg and head by flying debris. This house was occupied by Fred Beasley a tenant on Mr. Graves farm. The sides were blown out, the roof taken off and parts of it scattered a distance of a hundred yards. Further up the track another house of Mr. Graves was blown to pieces. How the people escaped is a mystery.

Across the Norfolk and Southern track the cyclone proceeded, leveling trees and houses in its path. At this point it was not more than a quarter of a mile wide. When it struck Mr. John Corbett's farm it had stretched to a half mile in width. The western side of the storm took a part of the shed and roof of the Corbett house, smokehouse and nearer the road from Evansdale close to the Taylor home it blew down the house of Isom Ruffin, and the barn and stable and made kindling wood of them. It proceeded along the road and swept the house where Tom Barnes resides and blew to pieces all the outhouses, pack house and three barns. Here the people were blown into the fields nearby. Murray Barnes was hurt in both legs. His daughter Blanche Barnes was hurt on the head and shoulder.

On Mr. David Woodard's farm a two story house was blown to shreds and the people blown into the fields. This house is occupied by Frank Batts. His wife suffered a broken leg and arm. Nine people were in the house and all down with the flu. Two of his children John and Dock Battle are hurt in the head.

The injured people were removed to the houses of neighbors and physicians and nurses from Wilson were called to attend them. At the home of Mr. J. P. Holland were Mr. W. J. Farmer with face and arm hurt, and his daughter Mrs. Batts and two of her children. These were more or less injured. Just across the road at the home of Mr. Joe Bowen were Mr. Batts and his baby a child of twelve months. Mrs. Batts and her baby were both blown quite a distance in the field. Here also were his daughter Miss Anna Batts and son Johnnie Batts, and Miss Effie Barnes a visitor at the Batts home who was also hurt.

Mr. Tom Barnes saw the storm coming and his two little children were at a tobacco barn which was blown down. He called to the children to lie down, and the wind picked them up and carried them into the field some distance away.

As far as we can learn the storm started in the neighborhood of the farm of Mr. W. W. Simms which is leased by Messrs. W. W. Graves and U. H. Cozart. The house on this place was blown down. Mrs.

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EDGECOMBE REGIMENT, NORTH CAROLINA MILITIA

Murtie J. Clark, *Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774,* page 801-02 (ancestry.com)
Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

A List of Captain John Shearrard's Company, [1767]

Nr	Rank	Name
1	Captain	Shearrard, John
2	Lieutenant	Fort, William
3	Ensign	Peacock, John
4	Sergeant	Woodard, Thomas
5	"	Barefoot, John
6	"	Bardin, Jacob
1	Private	Cook, Jones
2	"	Acock, William
3	"	Haul, Armerger
4	"	Newsum, John
5	"	Pitman, Jesse
6	"	Peacock, John
7	"	Peach, Peter
8	"	Linch, William
9	"	Alford, Benj:n
10	"	Alford, William
11	"	Bardin, Jesse
12	"	Persons, Solomon
13	"	Branch, Thomas
14	"	Lasley, Daniel
15	"	Branch, Moses
16	"	Carraway Thomas
17	"	Prise, Thomas
18	"	Prise, Nathan
19	"	Jones, William
20	"	Rowly, Jobe
21	"	Shearrard, Robert
22	"	Shearrard, Simon
23	"	Radford, William
24	"	Conner, Daniel
25	"	Bennet, Thomas
26	"	Rowel, John
27	"	Wearrel, John, Sen.
28	"	Wearrel, Richard
29	"	Wearrel, John, Jun.
30	"	Hilbern, Vann
31	"	Easterlin, John
32	"	Jonson, Moses
33	"	Peacock, Samuel
34	"	Hubard, William
35	"	Starling, William
36	"	Watkins, Leavel
37	"	Taylor, John
38	"	Rouse, Solomon
39	"	Spyre, Joab
40	"	Acock, Thomas

Nr	Rank	Name
	Privates (cont)	
41	"	Acock, John
42	"	Acock, Simon
43	"	Woodard, Elisha
44	"	Woodard, Thomas, Jr.
45	"	Shearrard, John
46	"	Shearrard, Benj:n
47	"	Chance, Nathan
48	"	Derdens, Richard
49	"	Powel, Daniel
50	"	Barns, John
51	"	Barns, Samuel
52	"	Barns, Benj:n
53	"	Acock, Charles
54	"	Cannon, James
55	"	Haul, John
56	"	Bass, Right
57	"	Barefield, James
58	"	Cook, William
59	"	Ellis, Joel
60	"	Rasco, James
61	"	Derdens, John, Sen.
62	"	Derdens, John, Jun.
63	"	Daniel, Isaac
64	"	Daniel, John
65	"	Weaver, Stephen
66	"	Ellis, Absalom
67	"	Williams, William

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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An extract from A HISTORY OF STANTONSBURG, CIRCA 1780 TO 1980, compiled by the Stantonsburg Historical Society:

Contributed by Sue Dail

(Stantonsburg History continued from previous issue of TREES)

With the building of the railroad through the area in 1907, there was another period of growth, and the General Assembly of North Carolina again granted a charter to the Town of Stantonsburg on February 26, 1909. Under this third charter, which is the current one, Henry E. Thompson was elected the first mayor, and the commissioners were Paul Moore, H.O. Summerlin, and G.D. Eason.

In its early days, Stantonsburg was important as a shipping point along the boat line which extended from New Bern up the Neuse River and Contentnea Creek to Cobb's Landing some ten miles up stream from Stantonsburg.

A market for naval stores had been long established in the area and these products of the local pine forests, with cotton and other produce, were shipped by barge down the creek to Neuse River and New Bern where fertilizer and other items were loaded for the up stream trip. The Stantonsburg boat terminal was located near the point where present Highway 222 crosses Contentnea Creek, on what was then known as Stanton's Bridge and is now known as Stantonsburg Bridge. It is said that one of these barges could be seen on the creek bottom at low water until recent years.

The town was named for the Stanton family who were early landowners in the area. Willie Stanton owned property near the bridge, and James Stanton had 'taken up much land along Contentnea Creek.'

The LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1796, include 'An Act to improve the navigation of Contentnea Creek' which was introduced in the same year. 'Samuel Speight, Robert White, Benjamin Sheppard, Charles Carr, Hymenie Hooper, John Pope, Sharpe Blount, William Wooten, William Moye, and Ambrose Jones, appointed commissioners for the purpose of opening and clearing said creek---and clear said creek from the line of Wayne County to the mouth of thereof and be it further enacted that each and every person within six miles of said creek who are and heretofore have been liable under the laws of this state to work on the roads, rivers, and creeks and do not subscribe to the amount of twenty shillings for each hand so liable to work on rivers, creeks, and roads shall work on said creek under the order of said commissioners not exceeding five days in each year. He who refuses is to pay the sum of five shillings for each day refused.' The above act was repealed in 1801 because it had not produced the effect that was expected or intended. (Book 1A, Page 3, Wayne County, North Carolina)

'On February 11, 1808 Commissioners Edwin Hollowell, Alexander Carter, and Zacharia Morris of Wayne County, together with the commissioners appointed by the County of Edgecombe to let out to the lowest undertaker the rebuilding of a bridge over Contentnea Creek commonly called Stanton's Bridge. We, the subscribers did convene at said place in conformity of said order, let out the same and Willie Stanton of the County of Edgecombe was the lowest bidder at the price of three hundred and fifty-nine dollars who has built the same agreeable to the dimensions by us prescribed and they now recommend that the Wayne County Court pay one-half of the aforesaid sum.'

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Mrs. Beasley lived there. None of the occupants of this house were hurt. The storm also visited the farm of Mr. Ed. Graves. Here it blew down a house and a stable and tobacco barn.

The storm occurred in the midst of a steady downpour of rain. Those who lived on the side of the path of the storm say that it came with a roar above the rain, and when they looked out of their windows they saw the houses going down, and pieces of timber flying through the air. Then they ran out and began to pick the people up out of the fields, and carried them to places of shelter.

Nearly every family in that section had two or three people down with the flu. They lost practically all their house furnishings which were torn to bits and strewed over the ground, but no one was hurt.

Near Sun the storm also did some damage. Houses were blown down in that section, and the tops of trees were twisted off. Down below Mr. David Woodard's farm, where it struck the woods, the tops of trees were taken almost clean.

The town of Wilson had an unusually heavy rainfall this morning, but the wind was not dangerously high.

LOCAL NEWS

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Daily Times, May 11, 1916

OAK GROVE NEWS

(Regular correspondent)

Elm City, May 3.—Quite a large crowd attended Union meeting at People's Chapel last Sunday. There were several delegates and preachers from other churches. Mr. Hardy Boykin from near Middlesex was here. He said he thoroughly enjoyed it and certainly hoped he would live to meet the people of Peoples Chapel again.

Mr. George Ferrel of Wilson preached an able sermon Sunday morning, also again in the afternoon at Carter"s School House in which he spoke of the bad result of thinking evil. He will preach at Carter's School house again next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

They have organized Sunday School at Carter's School house in which they are doing good work. There will be a box party there next Friday night, May 5th, for the purpose of purchasing an organ. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mr. Levi Dew of Bailey attended church at People's Chapel Sunday.

Miss Dora Winstead has returned home where she will spend her vacation with her parents.

The farmers of this section are busy transplanting tobacco and they have some pretty plants too.

Miss Edna Crumpler attended services at Carter's School house Sunday afternoon.

Oak Grove club meets next Saturday afternoon at the school house. They are expecting Miss White to be present. A few of them have planted their tenth acre gardens and the tomatoes are up.

Miss Effie Viverette attended church at Peoples Chapel Sunday. She has just returned home after spending a week with Miss Minnie Esther Thorne.

Mr. John R. Gardner will leave for Benton Harbor, Michigan about the 15th of this month.

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(Merchants continued from page 86)

a full standard of quantity and quality, supply the retail merchants of Elm City, the entire rural community and the towns tributary on the railroad.

Mr. Cox is assisted in the house sales by Mr. F. W. Carter who also works the out-of-town trade. The business since its incipiency has grown steadily year by year and the Toisnot Grocery Company is at the beginning of 1917 handling a most creditable volume of business, with a good class of merchants who have bought liberally from this concern for many years past. And under its present progressive and consistant [sic.] management we bespeak its continued success and a larger future business.

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